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For: METHODS FOR TREATMENT OF  
NEURODEGENERATIVE CONDITIONS BY  
PERIPHERALLY ADMINISTERED  
ERYTHROPOIETIN (as amended)

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2003 (the "Office Action"), and in accordance with Rule 116 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Enclosed herewith is: 1) a Petition for Extension of Time for a period of two months up to December 25, 2003; and 2) a Notice of Appeal.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments and remarks made herein be entered into the record of the instant application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.